(*f*) whether the rules that were in force in regard to assignment of lands for cardamom cultivation were amended after the publication of a Notification in the Government Gazette that lands in the Pallivasal pakuthi would be assigned to the subjects of Travancore for cardamom cultivation and after the receipt of applications from Travancoreans for such lands with the necessary deposits ; and, if so, whether there is any special reason therefor ?

Mr. K. George : (*a*) 5th March 1935.

(*b*) First part—51

Second part—No land has yet been registered.

(*c*) Out of the 51 applications referred to above, 14 were rejected. The remaining 37 applications are under various stages of enquiry.

(*d*) A *statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

(*e*) In cases in which final survey records have been received permission to enter on the land will be given by the Commissioner, Devicolam, as and when parties apply therefor.

(*f*) First part—The old Cardamom Rules were revised and the new Rules came into force on 30-9-1935.

Second part.—The question of revising the old Cardamom Rules and to issue them on a statutory basis was engaging the attention of Government for some time past. The new Rules were the natural result of the above intentions of Government.

Employees in the Water Works Department.

119. ***Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the employees in the Water Works Department drawing a pay of Rs. 25 and above ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The †statement is placed on the table.

Tahsildars and Proverthikars.

120. ***Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of Tahsildars and Proverthikars who are now in service ?

Mr. K. George : A ‡statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

Lands under cultivation in the State.

121. ***Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

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[Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai.]

(*a*) the extent of lands under paddy cultivation throughout the State ?

(*b*) the extent of lands under cocoanut, rubber, tea and cardamom cultivation throughout the State ;

(*c*) the amount of land revenue derived from paddy lands throughout the State; and

(*d*) the total land revenue derived from the whole State ?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) The member is referred to the Statistics of Travancore ;

(*b*) The information is available in the Statistics of Travancore except in the case of cardamom cultivation. The area under cardamom according to available statistics is about 52,047 acres ;

(*c*) Information regarding land revenue derived from paddy lands is not available. The *ayacut* tax due on wet lands in the State during 1111 was Rs. 17,35,937-24-6.

(*d*) The total *ayacut* tax due for the whole State in the year 1111 was Rs. 35,72,275-27-10.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know from what source the statistics have been prepared ?

Mr. K. George: The Revenue Department collected them.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know whether there are survey records for the purpose ?

Mr. K. George: Yes.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know when was the last survey conducted ?

Mr. K. George: Before the last settlement ; I cannot give the date.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: Is it a fact that extensive lands have been brought under cultivation since the last survey ?

Mr. K. George: Yes. They have also been taken into account by the Revenue Department.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: With regard to the extent of land under cocoanut, Tea, Rubber and Cardamom cultivation throughout the State, may I know whether it is a fact that when the question of rubber quota came up, the information contained in the statistics about lands under rubber cultivation was not found to be correct ?

Mr. K. George: Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: That being so, may I know whether the statistics, about the extent of land under cocoanut, tea and cardamom cultivation can be relied upon ?

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Mr. K. George : Until the contrary is proved, they can be presumed to be correct.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : When the contrary was proved with regard to rubber land, did the Government take any action ?

Mr. K. George : Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know the nature of such action ?

Mr. K. George : Our officers went from place to place and collected the statistics.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know who went and where to.

Mr. K. George : Action was taken mainly with regard to the extent of lands under rubber cultivation.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : What about the lands under cocoanut and tea cultivation ?

Mr. K. George : If it is proved that the extent of the lands as shown by the statistics is incorrect, necessary steps will be taken to rectify mistakes, if any.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : When the statistics were proved to be incorrect in regard to rubber lands, may I know whether the information contained therein about cocoanut and tea lands could not be presumed to be incorrect ?

Mr. K. George : No.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Am I to take it, therefore, that, when the contrary was proved in regard to rubber lands the Government did not consider it necessary to ascertain whether the statistics in regard to the extent of lands under cocoanut and tea cultivation were correct and reliable ?

Mr. K. George : There was no necessity to take any action in regard to the extent of cocoanut and tea lands.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Could the statistics relating to cocoanut and tea lands be relied upon in the face of the incorrectness discovered in regard to the rubber lands ?

Mr. K. George : That alone was found unreliable.

M. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : How did Government ascertain that the figures of the rubber area were unreliable ?

Mr. K. George : Because of the complaints made.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Am I to take it that because there are no complaints in regard to the figures relating to cocoanut and tea lands, they are taken to be correct ?

Mr. K. George: To some extent.

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